

DRESS CODE

GRADE 9 THROUGH GRADE 12

In the interest of improved student performance, increased school safety, a reduction in student disruptions, and improved student self-esteem, the Liberty County Board of Education has enacted a mandatory dress code policy for high school students, grades 9-12. School administrators will be responsible for making the final determination as to whether a student's attire or appearance is in conflict with the written procedures.

Dress Code Procedures

The following clothing styles and colors will be considered appropriate:

1. Solid khaki pants and skirts no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Shorts and pants cannot have pockets or zippers on the legs.
2. Jumpers (sleeveless and of khaki color) worn with a shirt or blouse already specified in the dress code will be acceptable.
3. Solid white polo or collared shirts and blouses will be allowed. One additional color has been chosen by each high school.

School Colors:

Bradwell Institute - Royal Blue

Liberty County High - Black

Please contact the school for the exact shade of each color.

Uniforms must also abide by the following guidelines:

1. Shirts may have a school insignia, but no other ornamentation is allowed on any clothing;
2. Shirts must be tucked in;
3. No denim, jogging or cargo pants, leggings, or material containing spandex (Lycra)
4. Uniforms must be made of a standard uniform material such as cotton or twill;
5. No zippers or pockets on pant legs; and,
6. Uniforms must be worn at the natural waist. They cannot be poorly fitted or oversized and baggy, so as to allow sagging of the pants. Belts must be worn if pants or skirts have belt loops. Belts must be black or brown. Belt buckles must not be oversized nor have any writing or symbols.

Accessories

1. Shoes must be enclosed at the front and fastened/tied properly. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Bedroom shoes and slippers are not allowed.

2. Solid color sweaters or sweatshirts without hoods and without an insignia (color appropriate to the school) may be worn over uniform shirts;
3. Coats and jackets must be left in the student's locker during the school day;
4. White T-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts. Solid colored turtlenecks (white or a color appropriate to the school) may be worn under uniform shirts;
5. No manner of clothing, jewelry, button, or pin may display drugs, cigarettes, sexually suggestive items, alcohol, profanity, gang related logos or messages, or pictures or words that are determined to be distracting or demeaning to others by the school's administrators;
6. Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, and other head coverings inside the building are not permitted.
7. Pierced earrings are permissible when worn in the earlobes as designed. Tattoos and other body piercings are not permitted to be visible at school. Students may not wear at school items such as nose rings, nose pins, tongue rings, tongue pins, or any jewelry to accessorize facial or body piercings;
8. Extreme hair color/hairstyles, make-up, etc., must not be a distraction, inflammatory, or offensive. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed;
9. Chains, wallet chains, and spiked jewelry are not allowed on campus or at school related activities;
10. Only tights, hose, or socks may be worn. Tights and socks must be solid black, tan, or white. No hose with designs may be worn; and,
11. Students enrolled in the STAR program or JROTC will be permitted to wear approved program uniforms.

Dress Down Days

School administrators will be able to occasionally allow "Dress Down Days" as a motivator or reward. Dress on these days should follow the Liberty County Dress Policy for dress down days as listed below. "Dress Down Days" should not be held during the first month of a school year (with the exception of school picture day)

School administrators will also have the authority to allow groups to modify their dress on given days to allow for special programs and/or situations. This could include cheerleaders, sports teams, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

Liberty County high school dress code requirements for dress down days

1. Shoes must be worn at all times, tied securely, and firmly anchored to the feet. No shower shoes, bedroom shoes, shoes with wheels, slippers, or roller blades are allowed;
2. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked into the pants even if they are not tucked in (no bare midriffs);
3. No manner of clothing, jewelry, button, or pin may display drugs, cigarettes, sexually suggestive items, alcohol, profanity, gang related logos or messages, or pictures or words that are determined to be distracting or demeaning to others by the school's administrators;

4. All shirts/dresses/tops must be fitted around the arm so that undergarments are not exposed. The width of the strap over the shoulder must be at least two (2) inches. No low-cut, revealing shirts are allowed;
5. Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, and other head covering inside the building are not permitted;
6. Spandex clothing is not permitted;
7. Shirts and pants must be free of deliberate holes and tears;
8. Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be non-body hugging, have a sewn hem, and be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Splits in skirts must follow the same rule;
9. Facial hair must be neatly trimmed;
10. Pants must be worn at the natural waist. They cannot be poorly fitted or oversized and baggy, so as to allow sagging of the pants. Belts must be worn if pants, skirts, or shorts have belt loops. Belt buckles must not be oversized nor have any writing that is considered offensive;
11. Sheer garments are not permitted;
12. If pants, shorts, or skirts have straps which fit over the shoulders, the straps must be fastened in front and back of clothing and must be worn on the shoulders;
13. Pierced earrings are permissible when worn in the earlobes as designed. Tattoos and other body piercings are not permitted to be visible at school. Students may not wear at school items such as nose rings, nose pins, tongue rings, tongue pins, or any jewelry to accessorize facial or body piercings;
14. Extreme hair color/hairstyles, make-up, etc., must not be a distraction, inflammatory, or offensive; and,
15. Chains, wallet chains, and spiked jewelry are not allowed on campus or at school related activities;

All teachers will enforce the above items on a daily basis each period. Should a student not be in compliance with the dress code, he/she will be required to comply before returning to class. All students must comply with the above dress code for the entire school day including during physical activity time, during PE, JROTC, etc. This includes cheerleaders/dance team, flag corps, and other groups except during performances.

Violation of the dress code will result in a Level I or Level II Discipline depending upon the severity and frequency of the offense.

School Dress Closets

Each school will maintain a uniform dress closet. This closet will contain a variety of sizes of uniforms for students who are newly enrolled.

Newly Enrolled Students

Students newly enrolled in the school system will be given ten school days to prepare adequately for the dress code policy. Until that time they may borrow uniforms from the Uniform Dress Closet without penalty.

Non-compliance Procedures

Each school will strive to achieve full compliance within the guidelines of the Uniform Dress Code Policy. Since non-compliance interferes with the smooth operation of the school, the plan listed below has been developed to address students who do not comply with the required dress code procedures. If a student is not in compliance with the dress code, the following measures will be taken.

1st Occurrence Referral for after school office detention AND either ISS or fix problem;

2nd Occurrence Referral for one day Saturday school AND either ISS or fix problem;

3rd Occurrence Assignment to ISS for three additional days AND either ISS or fix problem;

4th Occurrence and beyond- 1 day of OSS for each occurrence AND either ISS or fix problem